

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 216 – SB 544

March 5, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor for selling smoking paraphernalia from anywhere other than behind-the-counter or a locked display case. The misdemeanor is only punishable by fine.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004207): Redefines “smoking paraphernalia” to draw a distinction between items generally used to smoke illegal substances and ordinary smoking pipes and devices if such pipes and devices are made of briar, meerschaum, clay, or corn cob.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Correction, the bill would not have a significant impact.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, the District Public Defenders Conference, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill would not have a significant impact on their caseloads. Any impact can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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